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LOS ANGELES MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM A FEDERAL PRISON IN TUCSON

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on November 5, 2003, Deyon Delmon Thomas, D.O.B. 12/6/69, of Los Angeles, California, was found guilty of Title 18, United States Code, Section 751, Attempted Prison Escape, and sentenced to 2 years in prison by United States District Court Judge John M. Roll in Tucson, Arizona.

On September 26, 2002, Deyon Delmon Thomas attempted to escape from custody in the Federal Corrections Institution in Tucson, Arizona, where he was serving a 262-month sentence imposed by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado for Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Use and Carrying of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. On August 21, 2003, Thomas pleaded guilty to the Indictment, admitting that Federal Corrections Institution officials discovered him attempting to climb the inside of the exterior perimeter fence at the prison facility. He was unsuccessful in scaling the fence and became entangled

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in circular razor wire at the base of the fence. Thomas' two year sentence will run consecutive to his current

262-month sentence.

A conviction for Attempted Prison Escape carries a maximum penalty of not more than five years,

a $250,000 fine, or both, and not more than three years supervised release.

The joint investigation leading to the guilty plea was conducted by the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and Special Investigative Supervisors of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The prosecution was handled by Jeffrey H. Jacobson, Assistant United States Attorney,

District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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